iv) Centre for Electronics Design and Technology (CEDT) has been set up jointly by the Department of Electronics and the Government of Maharashtra at Aurangabad. The estimated outlay of the project is Rs. 620 lakhs.

v) Under STQC programme of Department of Electronics, Electronics Test and Development Centre (ETDC) has been set up jointly with the State Government. The estimated outlay of the project is Rs. 100 lakhs.

In addition to the above, the following three Centres have been set up at Pune as autonomous Societies under the control of the Department of Electronics:-

- Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET);

- Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), AND

- Software Technology Park

[*English*]

Edible Oil Mills in Orissa

4878. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have schemes to set up some edible oil mills in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received from the State Government.

(c) whether the Union Government have considered the same;

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) State Government of Orissa have made no proposal in this regard.

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

Leather Goods Industry in Orissa

4879. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is great scope for the establishment of leather goods industry in Orissa,

(b) if so, the specific proposals received from the Government of Orissa for clearance by the Union Government; and

(c) the details of steps taken to clear such proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific proposal has been received from the Government of Orissa for clearance by the Union Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Alleged Irregularities in Purchase of Items Kendriya Bhandar

4880. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious irregularities are taking place in the purchase of higher quotation items against the lower quotation items and also use to purchase of more quantities

of higher quotation items than lower quotation items by the Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to inquire into the matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any headway has been made in the investigation of large scale bungling of disposal of quality goods as damaged goods by the Kendriya Bhandar in past;

(e) if so, the outcome of the findings; and

(f) if not, the reasons for the delay and the steps taken to expedite the finalisation of the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). No Sir. The Kendriya Bhandar is a Consumer Co-operative Society whose responsibility is to sell/make available, essential commodities and consumables as per the customers demand. According to the purchase policy approved by the Board of Directors of the Kendriya Bhandar the items sold through different outlets are purchased at competitive rates through the tender system. While accepting the tenders, popular/quality products at higher rates are also approved in addition to the rates quoted by the lowest acceptable offer. The quantum of purchase of any item has to be commensurate with the consumers' demand/sale of that item.

(d) to (f). The enquiry conducted by the Chief Vigilance Officer in the Department of Personnel & Training in the matter of damaged goods in the Kendriya Bhandar has since been completed and the report has been received in this Ministry. Action has been taken on the basis of the recommendations/findings of the Report.

[*Translation*]

Alleged Charges of Corruption and Irregularities Against Capart

4881. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the charges of corruption and irregularities levelled against the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART).

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to inquire into the activities of this institution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL). (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. The charges of corruption and irregularities levelled against Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) have not been found to have any substance.

[*English*]

Fish Processing Unit at Jehanabad, Bihar

4882. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Fish Processing Unit in Jehanabad district of Bihar to utilise the large quantities